

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Minutes

Committee	Utah Board of Juvenile Justice Annual Meeting
Date	Friday, November 2, 2007
Time	8:30am – 4:30 p.m.
Location	Zions Bank Building, 18 th Floor, 1 South Main Street, Salt Lake City
Members Present	Gaby Anderson, Gary Anderson, Pat Berckman, Adam Cohen, Brittany Enniss, Maria Garciaz, Tonia Hashimoto, Gini Highfield, Maxwell Jackson, Holly Martak, Carol Page, Lonnie Thomas, Natalie Thornley
Members Excused	Judge Brown, Mike Di Reda, Jessica Hernandez, Huy Nguyen,
Members Absent	Tonia Hashimoto, Fred Peake, Paul Tsosie
Staff	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Chris Mitchell, Bob Yeates
Visitors	Charri Brummer, Susan Burke, Matt Davis, Karlie Lundell, Dan Maldonado, Russ Van Vleet, Carol Voorhees, Ray Wahl
Agenda Item	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes	Holly Martak called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Maria Garciaz made the motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Carol Page seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	Ice Breaker
Notes	Maria Garciaz led the group in discussion on <i>Understanding Individual Differences and Group Strengths</i> using the Medicine Wheel. The exercise helped us understand how diversity impacts a team or group of people who work together. We learned to value all skills and styles as important contributions to a group's work and to view differences as strengths rather than impediments.
Agenda Item	Nomination and Vote
Notes	Gary Anderson made the motion that the following be elected: Gaby Anderson as Title V Vice Chair, Pat Berckman as the DMC Committee Vice Chair and Adam Cohen as Post-Adjudicated Vice Chair (2 nd term). Maria Garciaz seconded the motion which passed unanimously .
Agenda Item	FACJJ Report
Notes	<p>The FACJJ is a federal advisory group made up of one governor appointed SAG representative from each state. This group reports to the President and Congress regarding pressing juvenile justice needs facing our country and calls for strong national leadership to address these issues. The group meets two times per year. OJJDP recently started staggering terms. The main issues of late are mandatory transfer/waiver of youth to adult court, and competent legal counsel for youth. The annual report is being written and is taking on the Adam Walsh Act. Gini Highfield will be our new FACJJ representative.</p> <p>There is a new compliance monitor at OJJDP which is not following the Administrative Procedure Act. One third of the states are in non-compliance and some are seeing grants cut.</p>
Agenda Item	UBJJ Business
Notes	Do the Write Thing – We are in the process of getting materials out to the schools. We

	<p>now meet monthly for a lunch meeting to discuss progress. Three teachers have already called asking for teacher packets. All DTWT materials are available on the UBJJ website. This year's deadline is January 22, 2008.</p> <p>CJJ Report – They are doing a good job and are looking for funding and trying to build new networks. Utah does not have anyone that belongs to the National Juvenile Justice Network. They wanted Reg to be the National Juvenile Justice Specialist, which he cannot do because of the extra time that would take.</p> <p>OJJDP Conference Report – Reg, Pat, Gary, and Carol went to the conference in Denver and say it was one of the better conferences they have had. There was a presentation on compliance monitoring the first day. Robert Flores seemed responsive and met personally with Wisconsin and few other states that had issues. James Yapias gave a presentation on cultural competency training. Pat Berckman mentioned how wonderful it is to go to these conferences and get so much positive feedback on the great job that Utah is doing with our juvenile receiving centers and our detention guidelines. Thirty three states have a full time DMC coordinator. Gary mentioned that Utah is on the cutting edge of Juvenile Justice. Reg attended a session on model courts. The national level is trying to implement statewide changes.</p> <p>DMC – OJJDP has been working on a model program guide for DMC available on the web at www.dsq.org. Click on the model program guide and you will see in yellow DMC Best Practices Manual. They also have a system up where we can enter our RRI data and see where we stand nationally. Reg is still working with human resources to get our DMC coordinator. It will be an open recruitment through the state. Maria, Pat and Gabby volunteered to help with the hiring process.</p> <p>Site Visit Report – Gini and Pat visited the Colors of Success program <i>Dream Team</i> in Ogden, which is doing great. The program serves minority females ages twelve to seventeen in the Ogden area schools and junior highs. They get their referrals from the courts and schools and serve approximately fifty people per year. Ogden City will fund them when the UBJJ funding runs out.</p> <p>Annual Report to Governor/Legislature – Reg briefly discussed the UBJJ 2006 Annual Report. The report outlines UBJJ's priority program areas, a listing of current funding projects and the UBJJ outcome measures evaluation.</p>
Agenda Item	Systemic Priorities
Notes	<p>Dan Maldonado, director of JJS spoke about emerging problems and how UBJJ can help. Juvenile crime has dropped notably, however while some facilities such as Salt Lake are no where near capacity, others are. It is typical for one third of our in-custody population to have prior experience with DCFS. UBJJ has helped JJS by funding projects. The Ogden Police Chief and Mayor are starting a new gang unit (a zero tolerance team) soon, which is actually an increased presence in a gang-infested area. That will result in more kids being in custody. The custody population is reasonably stable with twenty five percent coming from rural courts. That is an increase over the last few years. Counties with increased juvenile criminal activity are: Washington, Iron, Cache, and Box Elder. Females in the system have leveled off.</p> <p>Re-entry programs are inadequate for the youth being released and there is much need for improvement. JJS is working on transition programs. Twenty percent of the juveniles in detention are for sex offenses. A new sex offender program is in the works.</p> <p>Ray Wahl and Susan Burke gave a presentation titled <i>Ensuring a Safe Home for Every Child and Safe Communities for All</i>. The presentation outlined recent accomplishments of juvenile court: Updating the judicial workload, fully implementing a quality assurance process for assessments and case planning, hiring a research analyst, implementation of program evaluation tools and refinements to CARE (data system) have been made.</p>

	<p>Ray discussed data trends with graphs that show total referrals, referral by type, delinquency, and gender. Almost fifty eight percent of a judges' time is spent on child welfare. There has been a decline in juvenile court referrals for females. Juvenile population trends show that Utah's juvenile population ages 10-17 years old is expected to increase through 2010. While the total juvenile population in Utah is expected to increase through 2010, the percent of the population composed of juveniles ages 10-17 years old decreased slightly and is expected to remain relatively flat. Delinquency referrals declined in most age groups between 2001 and 2006. However, referrals rose for 15-17 year olds in 2006 while remaining flat or declining for 10-14 year olds.</p> <p>Dual Adjudicated Youth are defined as a youth with both child welfare and delinquency adjudication. The number of youth referred and adjudicated for delinquency who also have a child welfare adjudication in their lifetime is at 10.3%. Dual adjudicated youth are referred for delinquency at a younger age than non-dual adjudicated youth.</p> <p>Three goals this year for juvenile court are: Setting standards for timeliness, providing defense counsel and conducting effective reviews. Current projects include: A report card to the community, a correctional program checklist evaluation tool. Quality assurance of assessment and case planning model, model delinquency courts, PO/DPO safety training, leadership training and a vision/mission statement, hiring a law clerk, CARE/SAFE interface, and child welfare training needs.</p> <p>Current court challenges include: Recruitment and retention of qualified staff, sex offender treatment funding, substance abuse treatment funding, gender specific services, rural intervention programs, mental health and home based services.</p> <p>Charri Brummer, Deputy Director for DCFS spoke of the division's strengths and challenges. She spoke about the David C. lawsuit and how they are viewing it as a vehicle to make changes and improvements, not as a thorn in their side. An Adam Walsh coordinator has been hired. Caseworkers have risen from 282 to 612. All workers are being thoroughly trained and have mentors to help them. DCFS is making sure that each child gets medical, dental and mental health check-ups. Other strengths are training and licensing foster parents and moving children quickly from foster care to permanent homes. Charri went on to discuss Immersion Programs where DCFS has Quality Improvement Committees in all geographic regions of the state. The committees meet monthly and review information and data, which measure Child and Family Services' performance, and they discuss systemic problems that affect children and families. And lastly, Walk Through the System – an all day event that allows community partners and citizens to spend a day with DCFS and walk through the process from beginning to end, and observe child and family team meeting.</p> <p>Challenges that DCFS face are: Employee turnover/retention, caseload numbers and methamphetamine use of clients.</p>												
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	Post – Adjudicated	
	Adam Cohen, Fred Peake	*Ocho Pasos
	Carol Page, Max Jackson	The Dream Team
	Huy Nguyen, Mike Di Reda	*PRA Enhancement
	Fred Peake, Brittany Enniss	Polynesian Young Women
	Holly Martak, Jessica Hernandez	Compliance Monitoring
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	Title V	
	Gaby Anderson, Paul Tsosie	*SSSL After School (Title V)
	Gang Mini-Grants	
	Maria Garciaz, Gaby Anderson	BBBS Rural Mentoring
	Gini Highfield, Mike Di Reda	B&G Club of Davis Weber
	Maria Garciaz, Adam Cohen	JJS Education First
	Tonia Hashimoto, Brittany Enniss	SL Neighborhood Housing Youthworks Camp Anytown
	* indicates final year of funding	
Agenda Item	Team Building Exercise	
Notes	Carol Voorhees led a team building exercise that helped us get to know and understand each other a little better.	
Agenda Item	Statistical Report	
	<p>Matt Davis and Karlie Lundell gave a presentation titled: <i>Targeting Utah's Problem Areas by Looking at Risk and Protective Factors</i>. The Risk and Protective Factor Tool may be viewed online at: http://www.juvenile.utah.gov/RiskProtectiveFactors.html. The information from the presentation was taken from the SHARP Survey 2003, 2005 and 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2007 data shows nearly all indicators have improved over time throughout the state. ▪ Top four areas of highest risk are Tooele County, Four Corners region, Summit County and Northeastern region. ▪ Gambling is a new indicator for delinquency. ▪ The best way to help all areas of the state would be to focus on K – 6 grade prevention/intervention and focus on family based treatment for youth. 	
Agenda Item	Review and Establish 2008 Priorities	
Notes	<p>Funding priorities for the upcoming Title II Formula Grants were updated to correlate with the information and data provided.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of illegal drugs and alcohol by youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emphasize prevention efforts. ▪ Focus on children and youth Kindergarten through 6th grade. ▪ Increase the use of family-based treatment. 2. Early delinquency intervention and prevention projects for children grades kindergarten to twelve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Include in-home and support-based services. 3. Disproportionate representation of minority youth at decision points within the juvenile justice system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review transfer waivers to the adult court. ▪ Provide cultural competency training to juvenile court and law enforcement officers, as well as prosecutors and defense attorneys. ▪ Enhance and increase representation for refugee youth. 4. Gender specific/female responsive services for girls in the juvenile justice system. Priority given to projects providing services to minority girls. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Crisis intervention and treatment needs of youth in the juvenile justice system with mental health problems or developmental disabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More effectively utilize appropriate identification and assessment tools. 6. Sex offender services and resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase accessibility to already-established assessment and treatment services and resources. ▪ Increase awareness and education of staff working with youth offenders. 7. Juvenile justice system improvement through implementation of Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines in Utah. Priority given to projects implementing Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines as recommended by OJJDP and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. <p>Further changes, edits, and specifics will be finalized in the next few weeks, and be approved at an upcoming meeting.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2007, Utah State Capitol, East Bldg, Seagull Room

Minutes prepared by Carol Voorhees and Jo Lynn Kruse – Administrative Assistant, CCJJ